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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ITALY TO JOIN THE CONTACT GROUP ON
SOMALI PIRACY

REF: A. ROME 1590
[B](#). 1567
[C](#). STATE 133199

[1](#)1. (SBU) This is an Action Request, please see para. 3.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Following the Government of Italy,s formal offer of significant naval assets to support counter piracy operations off the coast of Somalia, the Department concurs with Embassy Rome,s support for Italy,s request (Ref A) to be included in the Contact Group on Somali Piracy (CGSP).

[1](#)3. (SBU) Action Request: Embassy Rome is instructed to approach appropriate GOI officials per the instructions found in Ref B. Post should additionally note our appreciation for Italy,s readiness to support the CGSP with military assets.
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